



The Honorable David Garman, Assistant Secretary  
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Re: ENERGY STAR Windows Criteria Proposed Changes

Dear Mr. Garman,

I just wanted to weigh in with my concerns on the new 3-Zone proposal for the Energy Star Window criteria.

My immediate concerns are that the 3-Zone proposal will not save as much energy as the 4-Zone proposal while putting a burden on the smaller window manufacturers by limiting their options for low emissivity coatings.

I am encouraged that the DOE is acting in a way that will benefit the environment and reduce energy waste. But by not adopting the 4-Zone proposal you are falling short of optimization while potentially eliminating small business owners from continuing to prosper.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. F. Hoban'.

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